(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Light Combat Aircraft Project

1912. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what special changes are being made by the supplying company in the F-404, F-2J3 engines that India has contracted to buy for its Light Combat Aircraft Project;

(b) when the first delivery of these modified engines is expected; and

(c) what are the main consultants that have been retained by Government for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The thermo-dynamics of the engine will be modified by the suppliers to optimise matching of the engine performance with the desired fight performance of the aircraft.

(b) Delivery of the engines will be appropriately dove-tailed with development activities of the LCA prototypes. We hope to get the engine well in advance so as to carry out all the preliminary tests and trials. We hope to have the engine by about 1988.

(c) We have not designated any single country or Organisation as a main consultant for the project. For instance the feasibility study was carried out in addition to us by four companies. The radar is being designed and developed by us in collaboration with a Swedish Company. We shall be entering into collaboration only where required.

Income Tax Raids at Delhi, Kanpur, Calcutta and Bombay

1913. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in 'Times of India' of January 16, 1987 to the effect that Income Tax officials conducted massive raids at Delhi, Kanpur, Calcutta and Bombay based business and residential premises of some leading manufacturers and suppliers of steel tubes and unearthed accounts books showing tax evasion;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and outcome of the raids conducted; and

(c) the details of the action taken by Government against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Income-tax Department searched residential premises of a leading Kanpur-based manufacturer and exporter of Steel pipes and Gears. The Searches were conducted at Kanpur, Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi on 15-1-1987. During the course of the search *prima-facie* unaccounted assets such as cash, jewellery and others amounting to Rs. 7.90 lakhs have been seized basides a number of incriminating documents.

(c) Appropriate action under the law is taken against the defaulters.

Dwelling units constructed for ex-Servicemen

1914. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of houses or dwelling units constructed for

defence services during the last two years;

(b) what was the target for the construction of these houses during the same period; and

(c) what is the target fixed for construction of these houses during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) 30,013 houses and dwelling units for Defence Services personnel were constructed during the last two years viz., 1984-85 and 1985-86.

(b) The target for these two years was 37,894.

(c) The target for next two years viz., 1986-87 and 1987-88 is 34,137.

Assistant Collectors working on ad-hoc basis in Customs and Central Excise Service

1915. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that class II officers promoted as Assistant Collectors of Customs and Central Excise have been working on an ad-hoc basis for the last eight years in the Customs and Central Excise and Enforcement directorate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Departmental Promotion Committee has not met since 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that no recruitment rules for the Indian Customs and Central Excise services have been formulated; and

(d) the time by when these rules will be framed and the officers working on ad-hoc posts will be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Regular promotions of Group 'B' officers to Group 'A' posts of Indian Customs and Central Excise Service were made upto 1979. Thereafter it was not possible to make regular promotions due to disputes relting to seniority in the Group 'B' feeder cadre which had been the subject matter of Court proceedings and which also contributed to the delay in finalisation of recruitment rules for the Service. As the vacancies could not be kept unfilled in the interest of collection of Government revenue the Group 'B' officers have been promoted, from time to time, on *ad hoc* basis.

Another reason for the delay in finalising the recruitment rules for Group 'A' of the Service was the need to finalise the recruitment rules for the feeder cadres. This has since been done and the recruitment rules for the Indian Customs and Central Excise Service, Group 'A' are now at an advanced stage of finalisation and all eligible officers will be considered for regular promotion.

Telecast and broadcast of national leaders

1916. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast and broadcast programmes on the lives of the following national leaders and contribution made by them to the freedom struggle 1. Shri C. R. Das, 2. Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, 3. Maulana Mohmood Husan, 4. Maulana Mohammed Ali, 5. Hakim Ajmal Khan, 6. Dr. M. A. Ansari, 7. Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, 8. Maulana Husain Ahmed Madni 9. Shri C. Raja Gopalachari, 10. Raja Mahendra Pratap, 11. Babu Kharak Singh, 12. Maula Barkatulla, 13. Maulana